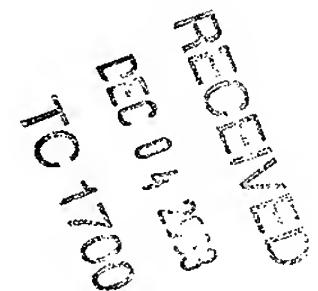




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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to a telephone call from the Examiner, Drew Becker on November 21, 2003, Applicants' elect to pursue Group I, the method claims 1-18 with traverse.

A favorable action on the claims is requested.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

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